Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 22 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Tuesday 23 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 22 Feb 2021 at 02:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the forecast on Monday and for very unsettled and hazardous conditions on Tuesday. Lower confidence for the timing of drier conditions arriving on Wednesday. Generally high confidence for Thursday and Friday.

Headline for Monday 22 Feb 2021: Mainly dry but cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 22 Feb 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	20%	20%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Monday 22 Feb 2021

Weather: A dry start with sunny spells but clouding over in the west from late morning with a few showers across Skye and west coast ranges, wintry above 700m. Becoming dry with clear spells in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, becoming 60% for a few hours in the afternoon.

Visibility: Generally very good through the morning at all elevations. Some patchy low cloud developing from late morning with bases 600-800m, mainly in the west, but visibility staying good below the cloud base.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/38 S	37/45 S	37/47 SW	37/47 SW	40/50 SW	34/43 S	42/53 S
900	30/36 S	35/43 S	35/45 SW	35/45 SW	38/48 SW	32/40 S	38/49 S
600	18/24 S	23/32 S	28/38 SW	27/37 SW	26/37 SW	19/27 S	26/37 S
300	2/19 SW	4/26 SW	10/34 SW	10/34 SW	10/36 SW	5/24 S	8/34 S
Glen	4/16 S	6/18 SW	15/28 SW	14/28 S	14/29 S	9/23 S	14/31 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-10	-2/-11	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-10
900	-1/-9	-1/-10	-0/-9	0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-9
600	2/-4	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4
300	3/2	4/2	5/2	5/2	5/1	4/2	4/2
Glen	6/4	6/4	8/4	8/4	7/4	6/4	7/3
Freezing Level*	800m	700m	800m	900m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Quite mild and pleasant on lower slopes, especially in the sunshine, but windier and colder at height with a significant chill. Some glare off lying snow at higher levels.

Forecast for Tuesday 23 Feb 2021

Weather: Cloud thickening overnight to bring outbreaks of heavy rain, this falling as snow on the summits at first. Rain becoming persistent by morning, with possibly some very heavy rain in the south. Perhaps a drier spell late morning and into the afternoon, with lighter and patchier rain, but further heavy and prolonged rain pushing up from the south in the evening. Very windy and wet at times leading to extremely difficult conditions.

Maximum wind: Southerly, turning southwest for a time, perhaps only 25-35 gust 45mph at low levels, but 45-65mph, with gusts 85 mph at height bringing mobility issues and risk of being blown over.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Generally little chance.

Visibility: Generally poor or very poor at height with areas of cloud above 500-600m, but broken 900m at times over more northern ranges. Also poor at times beneath cloud in rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6C rising to plus 10 or 11C.
At 800m: Plus 4 to 6C.
Freezing level: 800m in early hours, but above the tops by morning.

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